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- Wage rates for all hired workers during the July 8-14, 2007, reference week increased 27 cents per hour from a year earlier.
- There were forty-one percent of farms in the State with Internet access during 2007, compared with 37 percent the previous year.
- The cash rent received for cropland in Mississippi during 2007 averaged \$73.00 per acre, up \$5.00 per acre from last year.

Farm Labor: Employment and Wage Rates, United States

Farm Employment	July 9-15, 2006	April 8-14, 2007	July 8-14, 2007	
	1	1,000		
Hired Workers	876	736 *	847	
150 Days or More	630	593 *	600	
149 Days or Less	246	143 *	247	
Agricultural Services				
Workers Working on Farms	320	253 *	358	
Hired Farm & Service Workers	1,196	989 *	1,205	
		Hours per Week		
Hours Worked				
Hired	41.0	40.7 *	41.6	
		Dollars per Hour		
Wage Rate for				
All Hired Workers ²³	9.72	10.20 *	10.04	
Type or Worker				
Field & Livestock Combined	9.07	9.42 *	9.44	
Field	8.93	9.35	9.31	
Livestock	9.49	9.59 *	9.80	

^{*} Revised.

¹ Excludes AK.

Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates.

Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

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Hired Workers: Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers, by Selected Regions and United States, July 9-15, 2006 and July 8-14, 2007 ¹

			Type of	Worker			Wage Rates for	
United States and Region	Fie	eld	Lives	stock	Field & Livestock Combined		All Hired Workers	
	July 9-15,	July 8-14,	July 9-15,	July 8-14,	July 9-15,	July 8-14,	July 9-15,	July 8-14,
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
				Dollars I	Per Hour			
Northeast II	9.26	9.62	9.03	10.04	9.20	9.74	9.90	10.78
Appalachian I	9.14	8.80	9.18	8.80	9.15	8.80	9.64	9.25
Appalachian II	8.64	8.55	9.63	9.85	9.07	9.05	9.56	9353
Southeast	8.21	8.57	8.05	8.52	8.18	8.55	8.68	9.12
Florida	8.39	8.50	9.10	8.60	8.48	8.51	9.40	9.49
Cornbelt I	9.46	9.22	9.28	10.32	9.40	9.57	10.14	10.20
Delta	8.06	8.14	9.03	9.78	8.36	8.80	8.52	9.07
Southern Plains	8.53	8.14	9.12	9.67	8.75	8.85	9.38	9.18
Mountain II	8.33	925	8.89	9.85	8.55	9.45	9.34	9.85
Pacific	9.50	9.64	11.06	10.65	9.59	9.71	10.15	10.41
California	8.92	9.80	10.24	11.00	9.09	9.95	9.89	10.48
Hawaii ²	10.26	10.70		10.8	10.38	10.89	12.31	12.87
United States 3	8.93	9.31	9.49	9.80	9.07	9.44	9.72	10.04

Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

Hired Workers: Number and Hours Worked by Selected States, Region and United States, July 9-15, 2006 and July 8-14, 2007 ¹

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United States	Number or Workers		ŀ	Expected to	Number of Hours Worked			
and Region			150 Days	s or More	149 Days or Less			
	July 9-15,	July 8-14,	July 9-15,	July 8-14,	July 9-15,	July 8-14,	July 9-15,	July 8-14,
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
								_
Appalachian I	40	40	28	26	12	14	37.1	37.1
Appalachian II	27	30	15	18	12	12	34.3	34.2
Southeast	41	31	30	22	11	9	38.3	36.3
Florida	43	41	38	39	5	2	41.0	41.0
Lake	68	78	44	47	24	31	38.4	40.2
Delta	30	25	24	18	6	7	40.0	38.1
Southern Plains	53	58	38	43	15	15	37.6	41.0
United States ³	876	847	630	600	246	247	41.0	41.6

Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

Region: Northeast II – DE, MD, NJ, PA; Appalachian I – NC, VA; Appalachian II – KY, TN, WV; Southeast – AL, GA, SC; Cornbelt I – IL, IN, OH; Delta – AR, LA, MS; Southern Plains – OK, TX; Mountain II – CO, NV, UT; Pacific – OR, WA.

Insufficient data for livestock.

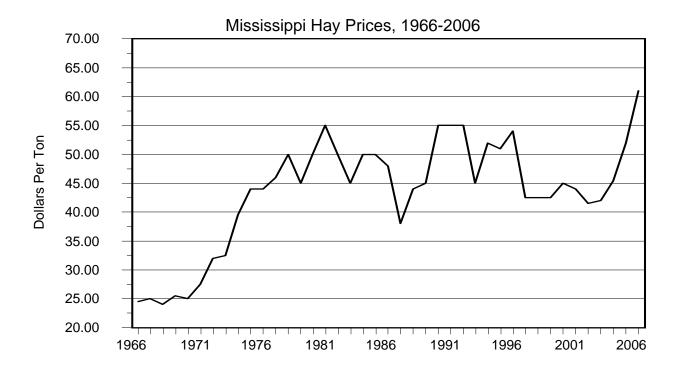
³ Excludes AK.

² Excludes Alaska.

Rice Stocks by Position, State and United States, August 1, 2006-2007

_		2006		2007			
State	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions	
			Rough Rice	- 1,000 Cwt			
Arkansas	950	19,492	20,442	420	21,091	21,511	
California	150	7,774	7,924	115	7,292	7,407	
Louisiana	200	3,246	3,446	150	1,636	1,786	
Mississippi	*	*	1,216	*	*	380	
Missouri	*	*	1,456	*	*	1,095	
Texas	*	*	2,894	*	*	2,754	
Unallocated *	253	5,313		535	3,694		
United States	1,553	35,825	37,378	1,220	33,713	34,933	
			Milled Rice	– 1,000 Cwt			
Arkansas		1,676	1,676		1,225	1,225	
California		642	642		591	591	
Louisiana		*	*		*	*	
Mississippi		*	*		*	*	
Missouri		*	*		*	*	
Texas		739	739		*	*	
Unallocated *		887	887		1,295	1,295	
United States		3,944	3,944		3,111	3,111	

^{*} Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.



Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports, and in transit.

Farm Computer Usage: by Selected States and United, 2005-2007

	Farms									
State	With Computer Access		That Own or Lease Computers		Using Computers For Farm Business		With Internet Access			
	2005	2007	2005	2007	2005	2007	2005	2007		
				Perd	cent					
Alabama	48	48	47	47	25	24	40	40		
Arkansas	50	59	48	56	24	33	44	52		
Georgia	42	46	38	44	19	26	36	42		
Kentucky	36	50	34	45	17	24	30	39		
Louisiana	51	57	46	55	20	25	46	55		
Mississippi	45	51	42	44	23	22	37	41		
Missouri	55	56	50	54	30	29	45	50		
Tennessee	55	60	45	48	20	24	45	52		
Texas	58	62	55	60	27	33	51	57		
United States 1	59	63	55	59	32	35	51	55		

Excludes AK and HI.

Farm Computer Usage: Access and Use of Internet, by Selected States and United States, 2007

	by Selected	States and Officed	•	
		Far	ms	
State	Purchase Agricultural Inputs Over Internet ¹	Conduct Agricultural Marketing Activities Over Internet ²	Access USDA/NASS Reports Over Internet	Access Other USDA Reports/Services Over Internet
	•	Pero	cent	
Alabama	8	5	5	6
Arkansas	9	4	4	6
Georgia	9	5	2	7
Florida	19	10	8	14
Georgia	9	5	2	7
Kentucky	8	6	3	7
Louisiana	6	3	2	8
Mississippi	5	4	3	7
Missouri	7	5	5	10
North Carolina	15	11	6	12
Oklahoma	11	11	6	10
South Carolina	15	15	4	8
Tennessee	7	7	5	8
Texas	9	8	4	8
Virginia	13	7	4	8
United States ³	11	10	6	11

Agricultural inputs include seed, fertilizer, chemicals, veterinarian supplies, feed, machinery, replacement parts, farm supplies, office equipment, etc.

Agricultural marketing activities include direct sales or commodities, on-line crop and livestock auctions, on-line market advisory services, commodity price tracking, etc.

Excludes AK and HI.

Chicken Eggs in Incubators, by Region and Untied States, August 1, 2006-2007

Region		Broiler-Type		Egg-Type			
Region	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006	
	1,00	00	Percent	1,0	00	Percent	
North Atlantic	12,574	12,244	97	5,038	4,743	94	
East North Central	9,190	11,977	130	6,362	6,726	106	
West North Central	29,292	29,551	101	7,396	8,756	118	
South Atlantic	243,873	251,122	103	3,642	3,866	106	
South Central	340,811	346,507	102	4,166	4,261	102	
West	25,625	24,349	95	4,172	5,361	128	
United States	661,365	675,750	102	30,776	33,713	110	

July Layers and Egg Production, by Selected States and United States, 2006-2007

State	All Layers o	n Hand ¹	Table	Eggs	Hatching Eggs	
State	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,00	1,000 Million Eggs				
Alabama	8,562	9,132	36	28	133	150
Arkansas	13,976	13,838	95	93	176	180
Florida	10,619	10,614	229	235	7	10
Georgia	19,101	19,121	209	206	187	188
Mississippi	6,361	6,457	40	38	92	92
North Carolina	10,718	12,137	80	105	140	145
South Carolina	5,018	4,644	87	77	19	22
Virginia	3,159	3,196	30	30	33	36
United States	341,252	338,975	6,550	6,436	1,095	1,138

¹ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

July Broiler-type Chicks Hatched, by Selected States and United States, 2006-2007

July Broll	er-type Unick	s Hatched, by	/ Selected Sta	ates and Unite	ed States, 200	06-2007	
State		During July		January-July			
State	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006	
_	1,000 Perce		Percent	1,0	Percent		
Alabama	115,628	115,396	100	794,146	783,116	99	
Arkansas	101,842	103,993	102	721,646	711,931	99	
Florida	5,007	5,029	100	34,209	34,536	101	
Georgia	127,517	130,611	102	865,365	889,267	103	
Mississippi	66,492	70,283	106	466,148	478,955	103	
North Carolina	67,743	71,976	106	471,056	488,021	104	
South Carolina	19,330	19,694	102	130,753	135,939	104	
Virginia	23,653	23,662	100	163,241	160,683	98	
United States	801,537	820,865	102	5,545,851	5,600,745	101	

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, by Selected States and United States, June-July 2007

State	Numl Slaugh		Live W	eight/	Average Live Weight	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	1,000 H	Head	1,000 P	ounds	Pour	nds
Alabama	86,564	89,280	476,108	490,143	5.50	5.49
Arkansas	94,704	93,274	500,099	496,620	5.28	5.32
Georgia	108,199	114,859	566,821	603,653	5.24	5.26
Kentucky	24,144	26,312	132,927	144,307	5.51	5.48
Louisiana	16,463	16,848	92,227	94,675	5.60	5.62
Mississippi	65,900	67,185	361,969	365,843	5.49	5.45
Missouri	35,073	34,749	164,768	162,645	4.70	4.68
North Carolina	58,951	59,790	400,402	403,658	6.79	6.75
South Carolina	24,241	25,233	152,964	155,957	6.31	6.18
Tennessee	21,875	22,915	111,888	116,397	5.11	5.08
Texas	55,270	55,138	291,414	287,291	5.27	5.21
Virginia	26,168	26,489	134,319	136,402	5.13	5.15
United States	741,444	756,289	4,063,717	4,137,553	5.48	5.47

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, by State and United States, June-July 2007

	Total Chilled	and Frozen	F	Post-Mortem Co	ondemnation	
State	Pounds C	ertified ¹	Carcass ar	nd Parts	Percent ²	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	1,000 P	ounds	1,000 Pc	ounds	Perce	ent
Alabama	350,385	359,667	3,101	3,100	0.88	0.85
Arkansas	357,707	360,411	4,143	4,310	1.14	1.18
Georgia	420,423	448,438	3,718	3,719	0.88	0.82
Kentucky	97,167	105,611	1,152	1,089	1.17	1.02
Louisiana	67,212	68,986	346	320	0.51	0.46
Mississippi	258,942	262,490	2,676	2,794	1.02	1.05
Missouri	120,479	119,789	1,220	1,758	1.00	1.45
North Carolina	305,597	307,895	4,026	4,340	1.30	1.39
South Carolina	112,601	114,716	963	1,196	0.85	1.03
Tennessee	80,742	83,996	873	919	1.07	1.08
Texas	223,839	218,800	1,787	1,820	0.79	0.82
Virginia	93,924	95,406	759	777	0.80	0.81
United States	2,979,763	3,039,183	31,724	33,028	1.05	1.08

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

Pasture Rented for Cash, Average Cash Rent per Acre, by Selected States and United States, 2003-2007

State	2003	2004 2005		2006	2007			
Giaio	Dollars							
Alabama	18.00	18.00	17.50	18.50	19.50			
Florida	17.00	17.50	18.50	22.00	24.00			
Georgia	23.00	24.00	22.00	25.00	25.00			
Louisiana	15.00	15.50	16.50	19.00	23.00			
Mississippi	16.00	16.50	16.50	16.00	18.00			
Missouri	23.50	26.00	27.00	26.00	26.00			
North Carolina	22.00	23.00	25.00	25.00	27.00			
Oklahoma	8.50	9.00	9.00	8.50	9.50			
Tennessee	17.50	19.00	18.00	19.00*	20.00			
Virginia	16.50	17.50	20.00	20.00	21.00			
United States	9.00	9.60	10.30	10.80	12.00			

Cropland Rented, Average Cash Rent per Acre, by Selected States, 2003-2007

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State and Land Type	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	
			Dollars		_	
Arkansas	71.00	75.00	76.00	76.00	80.00	
Irrigated	78.00	86.00	86.00	86.00	90.00	
Non-Irrigated	55.00	59.00	58.00	56.00	56.00	
Georgia	56.00	58.00	58.00	60.00	60.00	
Irrigated	105.00	110.00	115.00	116.00 *	116.00	
Non-Irrigated	40.00	42.00	41.00	43.00	44.00	
Louisiana	62.00	66.00	66.00	72.00	71.00	
Irrigated	68.00	76.00	70.00	81.00	82.00	
Non-Irrigated	59.00	62.00	62.00	66.00	66.00	
Mississippi	63.00	66.00	69.00	68.00	73.00	
Irrigated	78.00	85.00	93.00	90.00 *	92.00	
Non-Irrigated	56.00	58.00	60.00	62.00	65.00	
Texas	27.30	29.80	29.70	28.00	30.00	
Irrigated	55.00	56.00	57.50	50.00 *	53.00	
Non-Irrigated	21.00	23.70	23.00	23.00	23.00	

^{*} Revised.

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Mississippi and United States Price Highlights, August 2007 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	August 2006 Entire Month		July 2007 Entire Month		August 2007 Mid Month		
		MS	US	MS	US	MS	US	
	•	Dollars						
Corn	bu		2.14		3.51		3.23	
Cotton, Upland	lb	.455	.468	.445	.464	.457 ¹	.468 ¹	
Sorghum, grain	cwt		4.61		6.12		5.55	
Soybeans	bu	5.57	5.61	7.61	7.51	8.40	7.92	
Winter Wheat	bu		3.82		5.00		5.30	
Rice, Rough	cwt		8.18		9.77		9.84	
All Milk	cwt		11.70		20.20		21.70	
Fluid	cwt		11.70		20.20		21.80	
Manufacturing	cwt		10.80		20.00		20.70	
All Beef Cattle	cwt		85.80		89.10		90.30	
Cows	cwt		46.40		50.10		51.40	
Calves	cwt		137.00		125.00		125.00	
Steers & Heifers	cwt		90.00		93.30		94.30	
All Hogs	cwt		50.20		54.30		52.60	
Barrows & Gilts	cwt		51.10		55.10		53.40	
Sows	cwt		32.10		37.50		36.50	
Broilers, Live	lb		.410		.520		.510	
Market Eggs	doz	.370 ²	.237 2	.490 ²	.497 ²	.790	.812	

⁻⁻⁻ Estimates not made.

Based on sales during the first half of the month.

Mid-month.